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Vermont Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs 4/21/2023

Dear Senators,

I am writing to ask that S. 107 be included in the bill being discussed, H. 470, An act relating to miscellaneous amendments to alcoholic beverage laws.

S. 107 as drafted by Sen. Westman of Lamoille County, and Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, would allow for a limited first-class license in a satellite tasting room.

Many of Vermont's producers are very small and either do not have the means to create a tasting room space at their place of production or have a production space so far from regularly traveled thoroughfares as to make it unreasonable to ask tourists and visitors to travel there for tastings.

This bill as introduced would avoid any conflict with current Tied House Laws as they exist at the Federal and State levels by requiring that the beverages being utilized for full pours are those produced by the manufacturer holding the license.

Being able to pour full glasses of our products for guests would mean that we have more potential to optimize the income from what we produce. It would also encourage return visits from supporters in the community who would have tried our products but want to support by patronizing the tasting room more frequently.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

David Keck, MS